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SUBJ: PRESS ARTICLE ON US/PRC EMBASSY RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS ARTICLE FROM FRONT PAGE OF AUGUST 8
EDITION OF FIJI SUNDAY SUN: (HEADLINE) "RED CHINESE SNUBBING
U.S. DIPLOMATS.

"AMERICAN EMBASSY DIPLOMATS IN FIJI ARE BEING SNUBBED--BY
THE NEW PEOPLE S REPUBLIC OF CHINA EMBASSY.

"AND SUN UNDERSTANDS THEY ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY ABOUT IT.

"THECHINESE FIRST CHARGE D AFFAIRES AND COUNSELLOR IN
FIJI, MR. CHANG YING, HELD HIS FIRST RECEPTION LAST WEDNESDAY
NIGHT BUT THE AMERICAN CHARGE D AFFAIRES, MR. VANCE HALL
WASN T ON THE GUEST LIST.

"NEITHER WERE ANY MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.

"SUN UNDERSTANDS IT WAS THE SECOND SNUB FROM THE COMMUNIST
CHINESE.

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"THE AMERICANS INVITED MR. CHANG AND HIS SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS

TO THEIR 200TH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS ON JULY 5 AT GRAND
PACIFIC HOTEL.

"BUT THE CHINESE DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVITATION, ACCORDING
TO SUN SOURCES.

"OFFICIAL SNUBBING ON DIPLOMATS IS PRACTISED OFTEN ENOUGH
OVERSEAS, BUT IT'S VIRTUALLY UNHEARD OF IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

"PERHAPS THE SETTING UP OF THE NEW COMMUNIST CHINESE EMBASSY
IN SUVA HERALDS A DEPARTURE FROM THE WARM DIPLOMATIC LINKS
OF THE PAST?"

2. EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.
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